



*Samish Indian Nation*  
OF WASHINGTON

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Director  
Office of Child Care  
330 C ST SW, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Samish Indian Nation plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the childcare needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

- 1. Direct Services/Subsidies** Samish Indian Nation will continue to provide childcare for enrolled children.
- 2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices**
  - Currently we do not have plans to implement virus mitigation policies and practices.
- 3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**
  - At this time, we don't have plans to provide grants or assistance to stabilize childcare providers.
- 4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**
  - Samish Indian Nation is currently exploring creating a certificate program plan to identify new providers and plan to approach them in the future.

The Samish Indian Nation will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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